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ABSTRACT

This bibliography, which lists over 100 children's books, was compiled by the Summer Program Academic Resources Coordination Center (SPARCC) in Loudonville, New York. SPARCC was a migrant education grant that developed and helped implement model summer migrant education programs in New York, Virginia, and Florida. The bibliography is divided into sections according to the themes of the books, including multiculturalism, health and fitness, family and self-concept, and careers. The listings in each thematic category are further divided by age level, including sections for primary, intermediate, and junior/senior high. Each listing includes the complete title of the book, author, publisher, and a brief annotation. Also included are lists of 3 resources books and 14 periodicals that help select children's books. (LP)

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Summer Program Academic Resources Coordination Center

WHAT IS SPARCC? SPARCC was a 1203 grant which developed and helped implement model summer migrant education programs in New York and Virginia. These programs coordinated with school year programs, involved parents and included a packet/whole language approach.

WHAT DID SPARCC ACHIEVE?

1. SPARCC staff prepared a manual which included the following:

   - Detailed information on summer program options and sample programs.
   - Information on networking with Florida home base schools.
   - A bibliography of good literature for the selected themes of multiculturalism, health and fitness, family and self-concept, and careers.
   - Information on whole language.
   - Suggestions/directions on packet preparation.
   - Other curriculum ideas.

2. SPARCC staff developed 80 learning packets for preschool, primary, intermediate and secondary levels which focused on five themes including family and self-concept, health and fitness, multiculturalism, careers and potpourri.

3. SPARCC offered workshops on the following:

   - *Summer Program Options*: overview of numerous summer programs keyed to the special needs of the particular migrant population; special curriculum options.
   - *Whole Language*: background information, philosophy, themes, using "good literature", the packet approach, integrating whole language into the content areas, make'n take.
   - *Parent Involvement*: suggestions for migrant educators to help involve more parents in more of their children's educational activities; practical ways for parents to be an integral part of their child's education.

WHEN? SPARCC was funded from January 15, 1991 through February 15, 1992.

WHO? Florida, Virginia and four (4) New York Tutorial Outreach Programs participated.

HOW CAN SPARCC HELP ME? The SPARCC manual and master copies of the packets and the workshops are now available through the Program Coordination Center ESCORT.

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FOREWARD

The books selected for this bibliography represent a mere sampling of the excellent books available on these themes, for readers at all levels.

Many books fit equally well into several themes and are multi leveled. A book which we have categorized as "multicultural", you may feel better fits into "self-esteem and family". One that we have listed as preschool may be perfect for your primary student.

This bibliography is offered simply as a starting point; it is printed on paper, not concrete. Feel free to send us your reaction and share your experience in using it.

Enjoy!

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SPARCC BIBLIOGRAPHY

Multicultural Books

Level: PRIMARY

All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir (Dutton) Bill Staines. Folk song adaptation which can be read or sung; promotes getting along together.

Awful Aardvark (Little, Brown) Mwalimu. How African animals managed to outwit the snoring aardvark.

A Children's Chorus (Dutton) 30th anniversary edition of the U.N. Declaration of the Rights of the Child, featuring illustrations by eleven artists from different countries.

Chita's Christmas Tree (Bradbury) Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard. Turn-of-century Christmas story about the daughter of one of the first black doctors in Baltimore.

A Country Far Away (Orchard) Nigel Gray. This book parallels the lives of an African boy in a rural setting and an urban boy in the West. Pages are side by side for easy comparison.

Day of Rainbow (Viking) Ruth Craft. Upbeat, brightly-illustrated story of a hot summer day in ethnically-diverse neighborhood of a big city.

Elmer (Lothrop) David McKee. Patchwork elephant who wants to be like other elephants learns the plus-side of diversity.

Here Comes the Cat (Scholastic) Frank Asch and Vladimir Vagin. Written and illustrated by an American and a Russian, relates story of a village of mice who expect a cat to come.

Herschel and the Hanukkah Goblins (Holiday House) Trina Schart Hyman. Fanciful tale of how Herschel saved the village from the wicked goblin. Description of Hanukkah is included.

Is Anybody Up? (Putnam) Ellen Kandoian. Time zones and cultural patterns are introduced by comparing breakfasts and early day activities by people in the U.S. East Coast time zone from Baffin Bay to Antarctica.

Level: INTERMEDIATE

The Adventures of High John the Conqueror (Orchard) Steve Sanfield. Humorous stories about how High John always managed to outwit his owners.

The Black Snowman (Scholastic) Phil Mendez. Magical black cloth brings a snowman to life to help reveal his heritage and develop the self-worth of a poor Afro-American youth.

A Children's Chorus (Dutton) 30th anniversary edition of the U.N. Declaration of the Rights of the Child, featuring illustrations by eleven artists from different countries.

Level: INTERMEDIATE

The Crow (Chelsea House) Frederick E. Hoxie. Non-fiction history of the Great Plains Crow Indians from their origins to the present.

Dancing Teepees...Poems of American Indian Youth (Holiday House) Virginia Driving Hawk Sneed. Poems with youthful themes from contemporary Indian poets.

Earthmaker's Tales: North American Indian Stories About Earth Happenings (Walker) Gretchen Will Mayo. Seventeen Native American tales about origins of natural phenomena such as storms, volcanoes, etc.

Spanish Pioneers of the Southwest (Lodestar) Joan Anderson and photographer George Ancona. Black and white photo essay depicts an 18th century day in an Hispanic settlement near Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Sweetgrass (Philomel) Jan Hudson. Story of 15 year old Canadian blackfoot Indian girl who saves her family from a smallpox epidemic during winter of 1837-38.

Take a Walk in Their Shoes (Cobblehill) Glennette Tilley Turner. Fourteen biographies of Afro-Americans who overcame adversity to "make it". Includes easy-to-perform skits.

They're All Named Wildfire (Atheneum) Nancy Springer. Novel of friends, black and white, who deal with bigotry and racism in rural Pennsylvania.

Two Worlds: A Yup'ik Eskimo Family (Houghton) Aylette Jeness and Alice Rivers. Photo essay documents changes in Eskimo life in Alaska.

Level: JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH

A Circle Unbroken (Clarion) Sallace Hotze. During the 1840's, Rachel Porter was captured by the Sioux as a child. This story describes her cultural dilemma when she was returned to her family as a teenager.

Bearstone (Atheneum) Will Hobbs. Novel about an orphaned Indian boy sent to live with older rancher. Themes include friendship, loneliness, cultural differences.

Dragon Wings (Harper 1977) Laurence Yep. This story chronicles the arrival of a young boy from China to live with his father and other family males in San Francisco in time for the 1906 earthquake. Prejudice, racial tensions, friendship and gang warfare are included along with his father's obsession to build and fly a glider.

Level: JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH

More Tales of Uncle Remus: Further Adventures of Brer Rabbit (Dial) Julius Lester. Brer Rabbit is at it again, in these retold stories, illustrated by Jerry Pickney. This book can lead to reading additional Brer Rabbit stories, Reader's Theater and comparisons to tricksters of other cultures.

Rescue: The Story of How Gentiles Saved Jews in the Holocaust (Harper & Row) Milton Meltzer. This book, based on diaries, personal recollections and research, describes how individuals, "righteous Gentiles" and European countries worked to save Jews during World War II.

Scorpions (Harper & Row) Walter Dean Myers. Seventh grader Jamal Hicks discovers what having fun can mean in the Harlem ghetto.

Skeeter (Houghton Mifflin) K. Smith. The life of an elderly black man demonstrates the importance of pride and respect as he teaches two teenagers about guns, animals and people.

Which Way Courage (Atheneum) Eiveen Weiman. Courage Kunstler finds it increasingly difficult to accept her Amish traditions, especially when her much loved younger brother dies. She faces being shunned by everyone she knew or fitting herself into their mold by denying her selfhood.

Health and Fitness

Level: PRIMARY

Bones Book (Workman, 1991) Dr. Stephen Cumbaa. Paperback is packaged in a plastic bell jar and includes a 25-piece skeleton to assemble. Text includes fascinating data on human body systems, structure and organs.

The Brain: What it is, What it Does (Greenwillow) Ruth Dowling Bruun and Bertel Bruun. Explanations of brain structure, how we think, learn and feel and the effect of drugs on the brain are explained by a neurologist and a psychiatrist.

Children and the AIDS Virus: A Book for Children, Parents and Teachers (Clarion) Rosmarie Hausherr. Describes AIDS, with two AIDS victims, aged 5 and 10 who are functioning well, both in and out of school. Small print for adults; large for children. Includes list of helpful additional sources.

Dinosaurs Alive and Well! (Little, 1990) More and Laurie Krosny Brown. Dinosaurs humorously explain good health habits.

Inside the Human Body (Scholastic, 1989) Joanna Cole. Teacher Ms. Frizzle and her class tour through the body in the Magic School Bus.

Looking at the Body (Wiley, 1991) Dr. David Suzuki and Barbara Hebner. Facts and activities for one to several children make this an excellent resource.

Once There Were Giants (Delacorte) Martin Waddill. Picture book of life of a girl from infancy to motherhood.

Outside and Inside You (Bradbury, 1991) Sandra Markle. Contains descriptions and examples of X-rays, electron micrographs, thermograms and other products of today's medical technology "inside you".

Stethoscope Book (Addison, 1991) Linda Allison and Tom Ferguson. Learn by reading and doing! A stethoscope comes with this book of instructional activities.

What's Inside My Body? (Dorling, 1991) Diagrams superimposed on photographs show young students where organs and systems are located.

Level: INTERMEDIATE

Asthma (Watts) Mona Kerby. Includes discussion of the disease, famous people who are its victims, glossary, bibliography. Series also includes Cancer and Epilepsy.

Blood and Guts (Little, 1976) Linda Allison. Features and functions of human systems are explained by directions on models which readers may construct from everyday materials like styrofoam, yarn, thumbtacks, etc.

Drugs and You (Silver Burdett, 1990) Arnold Madison. Historical development of drug production and use and substance abuse.

How It Feels to Fight for Your Life (Joy Street) Jill Krementz. Children tell their own stories of being faced with disease and injury. Upbeat, encouraging themes.

The Human Body (Troll, 1991) Joan Western and Ronald Wilson. Comprehensive resource for information and reports.

Peak Performance: Sports, Science and the Body in Action (Simon & Schuster) Emily Isberg. Training and health of four outstanding athletes is described. Created in conjunction with NOVA series.

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes (Putnan) Eleanor Coerr. Victim of Hiroshima tries to make 1000 origami cranes to get her wish to beat leukemia.

Skeleton (Knopf, 1988) Eyewitness Book. Displays of human, animal and bird skeletons with narrative.

Sweetgrass (Philomel) Jan Hudson. Story of 15 year old Canadian blackfoot Indian girl who saves her family from a smallpox epidemic during winter of 1837-38.

Why Do Our Bodies Stop Growing? (Viking Kestrel) Drs. Philip and Ruth Whitfield. Recommended by th Journal of Reading, this is an excellent resource full of factual health information for intermediate students.

Level: JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH

Dear Mom and Dad, Don't Worry (Bantam, 1989) Carol Synder. 13-year-old Carly copes with a back brace and uncertain health after an accident; she learns what does matter.

Emotional Illness in Your Family: Helping Your Relative, Helping Yourself. (Macmillan) Harvey R. Greenberg. Factual information on mental illness: ways to recognize it, its effects on family, coping behaviors and advice are included.

Facts on Drugs in Sports (Watts, 1989) Harry Shapiro. Includes information on steriods and other potentially-dangerous drugs related to sports performance.

Know About Drugs and Know About AIDS (Walker, 1990) Margaret O. Hyde and Elizabeth Forsyth, M.D. These revised editions include basic information and strategies to avoid risking contact with illegal drugs and HIV.

Living with Cancer (Watts, 1990) Dr. Simon Smail. A brief description of types, treatments and preventive care of different types of cancer.

Living With a Physical Handicap (Watts, 1990) Dr. John Shenkman. Coping mechanisms, problems and specific descriptions of some disabilities are described in this book. A bibliography provides sources for additional information.

One Step at a Time (Scholastic, 1989) Deborah Kent. Teenaged Tracy is diagnosed with a degenerative eye disease which will leave her blind.

Pocket Change (Scholastic) Kathryn Jensen. Sixteen year old girl learns to cope with her dad's post-traumatic stress disorder from the Vietnam War.

Tell Me How the Wind Sounds (Scholastic, 1989) Leslie Guccione. Amanda forgets her resentments as she becomes friends with Jake, who is deaf.

Too Young to Die and Goodbye Doesn't Mean Forever (Bantam, 1989) Lurlene McDaniel. The former focuses on 16-year-old Melissa who has to cope with newly-diagnosed leukemia. In the latter, Melissa's battle is described by her best friend.

Understanding Social Issues: The Impact of AIDS (Watts, 1990) Evan Armstrong. Powerful text spotlights the social problem AIDS has raised and how it affects everyone.

The Visual Dictionary of the Human Body (Darling, 1991) Another resource for a better understanding of how the body functions.

We Have AIDS (Watts) Elaine Landau. Nine teenagers with AIDS tell their stories of acquiring the virus and living with the disease. Common misconceptions are clarified.

Your Immune System (Watts) Alan E. Nourse. Explains the physiology of the immune system and how it relates to allergies and diseases such as AIDS.

Careers

Level: PRIMARY

The Art Lesson (Putnam) Tomie de Paola. Outlines development of his career in art.

Cows in the Parlor: A Visit to a Dairy Farm (Atheneum) Cynthia McFarland. Color photographs depict a day in the life of a dairy farmer.

Frannie's Fruits (Harper) Leslie Kimmelman. Story of the running of a family fruit stand named after their dog.

If You Made a Million (Lothrop) David M. Schwartz. Humorous approach to value of money and practical, beginning lessons in banking, etc.

Marge's Diner (Crowell) Gail Gibbons. A look at the full day of the owner of a small-town diner.

The Night Ones (Harcourt, 1991) Patricia Grossman. A picture book of those who clean, bake, etc. by having their working day during the night. Nice bedtime book.

No Star Nights (Knopf) Anna Egan Smucker. Child's view of life in a small mill town.

Sam Goes Trucking (Houghton, 1989) Henry Horenstein. A color photo essay of young Sam's day, spent with his trucker father.

Stop and Go...Garret Morgan, Inventor Story of the black man who invented the traffic light!

Weather Forecasting (Four Winds, 1987) Gail Gibbons. A day's activities in a small weather station are outlined with well-labeled illustrations for understanding this job. (See also: Weather Words and What They Mean)

Who Plays With This? (Greenwillow, 1990) Margaret Miller. Examines working equipment (rolling pin, hammer, etc.) required for jobs children know about. Directions for "making" them from paper are included as well as activities using the real thing.

Level: INTERMEDIATE

The American Family Farm (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich) Joan Anderson and photographer George Ancona. A study of three family farms provides a true picture of their present situation.

Circus Dreams (Joy Street, 1990) Montana Miller and (her mother) Kathleen Cushman. The author chronicles her career as a trapeze artist. Because it realistically describes problems inherent in "making it" in the performing arts, this is a must-read for any student working to enter the field.

El Chino (Houghton, 1990) Allen Say. The story of Billy Wong, the first Chinese toreador. Illustrations resemble old family photographs - from sepia, to black and white, to full color.

Level: INTERMEDIATE

The Fortunate Fortunes (Lerner) Nathan Aaseng. Description of eight businesses that were helped by good luck (and hard work). Other titles available in the Inside Business Series.

George Washington Carver (Chelsea House) Gene Adair. Biography starts with early life and continues through his Tuskegee Institute career. His scientific achievements, interest in painting and gentle style of leadership are incorporated.

People Who Make a Difference (Cobblehill, 1989) Brent Ashabranner. Interviews of "heroes" who work to assist others.

Public Defender (Lodestar, 1991) Joan Hewett. This book describes a public defender's job, and her responsibilities. It begins with the 6th Amendment to the Constitution to provide a framework for the position.

Riverkeeper (Macmillan, 1990) George Ancona. Environmentalists will enjoy this photo-essay on the riverkeeper who is "in charge" of the Hudson River and its flora and fauna.

Safe in the Spotlight (Morrow, 1991) Elaine Scott. True story of how discarded and mistreated animals who end up at Len and Bunny Brooks' Animal Agency and Sanctuary for Animals work to pay for care of older animal citizens there.

Trucker (Macmillan, 1990) Hope Herman Wurmfeld. Black and white photographs give a down-to-earth depiction of the real life of a trucker.

Weather Forecasting (Four Winds, 1987) Gail Gibbons. A day's activities in a small weather station are outlined with well-labeled illustrations for understanding this job. (See also: Weather Words and What They Mean)

Ubel Velez (21st Century, 1991) Jennifer Bryant. A day in the life of Ubel Velez, a private attorney specializing in immigration law. There are three other books in this series on a music teacher, a park ranger and a children's theater producer.

Level: JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH

American Women: Their Lives in their Words. A Documentary History (Harper Collins) Dareen Rappaport. A collection of writings by American women, beginning with Native Americans and early settlers moving to the present. Prints and photographs included.

The Animal Rights (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich) Laurence Pringle. Issues about organizations involved with this topic are discussed from several perspectives.

Cathedral, The Story of Construction (Houghton Mifflin) David Macaulay. Although not a book which describes the job of an architect or engineer, this book is a "must-read" for anyone interested in those two professions. Or for the fun and joy in reading about how cathedrals came to be. In the same vein, by the same author:
Castle, City: A Story of Roman Planning Construction, Pyramid, Underground and Unbuilding

Circus Dreams (Joy Street, 1990) Montana Miller and (her mother) Kathleen Cushman. The author chronicles her career as a trapeze artist. Because it realistically describes problems inherent in "making it" in the performing arts, this is a must-read for any student working to enter the field.

Finder: The True Story of a Private Investigator (Crown) Marilyn Green and Gary Provost. True story telling successes and failures of a dedicated private investigator who juggles family, friends and career commitments. An excellent book for girls.

The Fortunate Fortunes (Lerner) Nathan Aaseng. Description of eight businesses that were helped by good luck (and hard work). Other titles available in the Inside Business Series.

Grace Hopper: Navy Admiral and Computer Pioneer (Enslow) Charlene W. Billings. Biography of outstanding woman, born in 1906 who became a Navy admiral and is considered "the grandmother of computers".

Julia Morgan: Architect of Dreams (Lerner) Ginger Wadworth. Biography of the architect of Hearst Castle and other buildings included in the book. Two companion biographies: Frances Hodgson Burnett: Beyond the Secret Garden by Angelica Shirley Carpenter and Jean Shirley and Martin Luther King, Jr. by Jean Darby.

Operation Grizzly Bear (Four Winds) Marion Calabro. A true story about twins Frank and John Craighead chronicles their 1959 to 1971 occupation in Yellowstone Park: observing silvertip grizzly bear behavior. Their job responsibilities and lots of grizzly-data are woven into the book.

Rescue of the Stranded Whales (Simon and Shuster) Kenneth Mallory. Story of the rescue, rehabilitation and return of 3 pilot whales by New England Aquarium staff in 1986.

Women in the Third World (Watts) Maxine P. Fisher. Factual description of the lives of women in the third world.

Family and Self-Concept

Level: PRIMARY

Daddy Has a Pair of Striped Shorts (Farrar) Mimi Otey. In spite of Daddy's odd way of dressing, he's well liked by family, the community and his congregation.

Family Pictures/Cuados de Famalia (Attanasio & Assoc.) Carmen Lomas Garga. Stories of Carmen as she grows up in a Texas border town. Bilingual text: Spanish and English on the same page.

Frannie's Fruits (Harper) Leslie Kimmelman. Story of the running of a family fruit stand named after their dog.

Loving (Lothrop) Ann Morris. Thirty photographs from around the world depicting loving relationships. Map identifies where each one was taken.

My Father (Little, Brown) Judy Collins. Young girl leaves Ohio hometown for Paris to fulfill father's dream of a life of dance, music and travel.

My Great-Grandpa (Putnam) Martin Wadere. The special relationship between a great-granddaughter and great-grandfather is the focus of this story of their visit to town.

Just Like Max (Knopf) Karen Ackerman. Aaron, then a child, carries a sewing machine to the fourth floor apartment of his bedridden Great-Uncle Max to demonstrate what Max has taught him. Forty years later, history repeats itself.

Once There Were Giants (Delacorte) Martin Waddell. Picture book of life of a girl from infancy to motherhood.

On Grandaddy's Farm (Knopf) Thomas B. Allen. Family life in Tennessee during 1930's summers.

The Day of Ahmed's Secret (Lothrop, 1990) Florence Parry Heide and Judith Heide Gilliland. Set in Cairo, Egypt, this tells of a young boy's day as he works and anticipates telling his parents his secret.

The Day We Met You (Bradbury) Phoebe Koeher. Picture book expressing events and emotions when an infant is adopted into the family. An afterword lists strategies for memory-sharing.

Through Moon and Start and Night Skies (Harper Collins) Ann Turner. An adaption story told by the adoptee, a small boy from another country. He was able to recognize his new parents, home, his room and the dog from photographs sent before he arrived.

Time To Go (Guelever) Beverly Fiday and David Fiday. Tough economic times make it necessary for young boy's family to leave their farm.

Level: INTERMEDIATE

The Bathwater Gang (Little, Brown) Jerry Spinelle. Granny helps Bertie organize a "good" gang in an unorthodox, Mrs. Wishy-Washy way. Good clean fun!

The Black Snowman (Scholastic) Phil Mendez. Magical black cloth brings a snowman to life to help reveal his heritage and develop the self-worth of a poor Afro-American youth.

Choosing Sides (Morrow) Ilene Cooper. Jan Rossi has to decide whose wishes he will follow: his own or his father's.

The Christmas Coat (Knopf) Clyde Robert Bulla. Two brothers' on-going battle for turf ends up causing damage for which they are required to cooperate.

Families (Houghton, 1990) Aylette Jenness. Similarities and differences in seventeen families, traditional and non-traditional, are easy to find in this upbeat book.

Fudge-a-Mania (Dutton) Judy Blume. Fudge continues to be a bother to his brother Peter. And the family is sharing a summer cottage with the Tubmans. Entertainment guaranteed.

The Great Ancestor Hunt: The Fun of Finding Out who You Are (Clarion) Lila Perl. Provides family-tree instructions, information on immigrant groups and a bibliography for further research.

Jessie's Wishes (Scholastic) Sally Witman. Eight year old Jessie discovers what family means when a new baby sister is born.

Marrying Off Mom (Scholastic) Martha Tolles. Mom just doesn't respond to Kim's efforts to find her a new husband.

More Than Meets the Eye (Bantam) Jeanne Betancourt. Liz has to decide whether to honor her promise to teach English to a Cambodian refugee or succumb to peer pressure to return to their former relationship.

Peace Begins With You (Sierra Club/Little, Brown) Katherine Scholes. Demonstrates that peace begins on a personal level and expands to the nation and across the world.

Slime Time (Random House) Jim O'Connor and Jane O'Connor. Hurt feelings result in a strained friendship as two boys learn that "two heads are better than one."

Level: JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH

The Band Never Dances (Harper Collins) J.D. Landis. This story traces Judy's recovery from her brother's suicide and resulting estrangement from her parents and her success as the drummer in a rock and roll band.

The Great Ancestor Hunt: The Fun of Finding Out who You Are (Clarion) Lila Perl. Provides family-tree instructions, information on immigrant groups and a bibliography for further research.

Lisa's War (Scribner's) Carol Matas. Family ties are threatened by the Holocaust. This story is told by Lisa, a Jewish teenager in Denmark during World War II.

No More Saturday Nights (Alfred A. Knopf) Norma Klein. An unwed teenage father wins custody of his son and takes him to college with him. This is a new slant on family stories.

One Sister Too Many (Macmillian) C.S. Adler. A new stepfather, home, school and baby sister, along with a new baby sitter who makes Case nervous, add up to a suspenseful story.

Phoenix Rising: Or How to Survive Your Life (Atheneum) Cynthia D. Grant. Jessie recovers from the grief of her older sister's death through cancer by reading and relating to her last diary.

Pocket Change (Scholastic) Kathryn Jensen. Sixteen year old girl learns to cope with her dad's post-traumatic stress disorder from the Vietnam War.

Shades of Gray (Macmillan) Carolyn Reeder. Post-Civil War setting finds orphaned Will Page living with Uncle Jed, a Virginian who refused to fight the Yankees. A third person helps Will to overcome his anger by realizing everyone suffers during war, and that good people can have differing opinions on important subjects.

Stray (Orchard) A.N. Wilson. An unlikely narrator, an old tom cat shares his life experience with his grand-kitten. Lots can be learned about the lives of cats and the lives of human beings.

A Sudden Silence (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich) Eve Bunting. Jesse's search to find the drunk driver who killed his brother ends on a sad note; he doesn't find exactly the satisfaction he'd anticipated.

The Strange Night Writing of Jessamine Colter (Macmillan) Cynthia C. Defelice. The special friendship between elderly Jessie Colter and young Collie Williams includes a mutual interest in calligraphy. It's complicated by Jessie's power to know the future and Collie's alcoholic mother.

This Stranger, My Father (Houghton Mifflin) Robert Hawks. The arrest of Patty's father uncovers the fact that her family had been living a lie. The ensuing danger and coming into herself add to the excitement of this book.

RESOURCE BOOKS
to help in Selecting Good Children's Books

Adventuring with Books: A Booklist for Pre-K Grade 6. Diane Monson, ed. The National Council of Teachers of English, 1111 Kenyon Road, Urbana, IL 61601. 1985. 395 pp. $9.75.

The Best in Children's Books: The University of Chicago Guide to Children's Literature. 1973-1978. Zena Sutherland, ed. University of Chicago Press, Chicago, IL 60637. 1980. $25.00

Beyond Fact: Nonfiction for Children and Young People. American Library Association, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. 1982. 236 pp. $12.50 paper.

Children and Books, 7th ed. Zena Sutherland, et al. Scott, Foresman and Co., 1900 East Lake Avenue, New York, NY 10001. 1980. 125 pp. $8.95.

Children's Books Too Good to Miss, 7th ed. May Hill Arbuthnot et al. University Press Books, 302 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10001. 1980. 125 pp. $8.95.

Children's Literature in the Elementary School, Huck, Hepler and Hickman. Holt, Rinehart and Winston Inc. Chicago, IL 1987.

Choices: A Core Collection for Young Reluctant Readers. Carolyn Flemming and Donna Schatt, eds. John Gordon Burke, Publisher, PO Box 1492, Evanston, IL 60204-1492. 1984. 550 pp $45.00.

Easy Reading: Book Series and Periodicals for Less Able Readers. Michael Graves, et al. International Reading Association, PO Box 8139. Newark, DE 19711. 1979. 54 pp. $4.50.

Eyeopeners! How to Choose and Use Children's Book About Real People, Places and Things, Kobrin, Beverly. Penguin Books, New York, NY 1988.

Junior High School Library Catalog, 5th ed. H.W. Wilson Co., 950 University Avenue, Bronx, NY 10452. 1985. $80.00

Resource Books continued

A Parent's Guide to Children's Reading, 5th ed. Nancy Larrick. Westminister Press, 925 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. 1983. 284 pp. $12.95.

The Read-Aloud Handbook, Trelease, Jim. Penguin Books, New York. 1985.

Let's Read Together: Books for Family Entertainment, 4th ed. Association for Library Service to Children, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. 1981. 124 pp. $5.00 paper.

PERIODICALS

Appraisal: Children's Science Books. Children's Science Book Review Committee, 36 Cummungton Street, Boston, MA 02215. Quarterly. $12.00.

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The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books. Graduate Library School, University of Chicago Press, 5801 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Il 60637. Monthly $16.00.

Childhood Education. Association for Childhood Education Internationa. 3615 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016. Five times/year. $32.00.

Cricket Magazine. Open Court Publishing Co., 1058 Eighth Street, LaSalle, IL 61301. Monthly. $18.50.

> A literacy magazine for children of elementary school age. Includes new stories and poems by well-known children's authors as well as excerpts and serializations of older pieces of literature. Includes children's reviews of books, interviews and authors, and children's writing.

The Horn Book. Horn Book, Inc. Park Square Building, 31 S. James Ave., Boston, MA 02116. Bi-monthly. $30.00.

> Includes detailed reviews of children's books the editorial staff feels are the best in children's literature. Contains articles about the literature, interviews with authors, and text of important speeches in the field of literature. (Newberry and Caldecott Acceptance speeches are published in the August issue each year.) October issue gives a list of the outstanding books of the previous year.

Periodicals continued

Interracial Books for Children Bulletin. Council on Interracial Books for Children, Inc. 1841 Broadway, New York, NY 10023. Eight times/year. $12.00.

> Articles and review focus on issues of racism, sexism, handicapism,and other issues in children's literature. Attempts to establish guidelines and criteria for evaluation of children's materials.

Language Arts. National Council of Teachers of English, 1111 Kenyon Road, Urbana, IL 61801. Monthly, September through May. $30.00

> "Books for Children" section features regular reviews of new books. Several issues focus on literature and reading. Contains articles on authors, using literature in the classroom, and so on.

The Kobrin Letter, 732 Greer Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

Reading Teacher, Journal of Reading, International Reading Association, 800 Barksdale Road. Newark, DE 19714-8139.

School Library Journal. R.R. Bowker and Co., Box 13706, Philadelphia, PA 19101. Monthly. September through May. $51.00.

> Reviews most children's books using as reviewers librarians, teachers, and critics from around the country. Includes both positive and negative reviews. Categorizes reviews by age levels. Also includes feature articles on children's literature, children's library services, technology, and nonprint materials. December issue includes a "Best Books" section.

Science and Children. National Science Teachers Association, 1201 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington, DC. Eight times/year. $28.00.

> Includes monthly column which reviews books and non-print materials.

The WEB: Wonderfully Exciting Books. The Ohio State University, The Reading Center, 200 Ramseyer Hall, Columbus, OH 43210. Quarterly. $10.00.

> Devoted to helping teachers to incorporate children's literature into the curriculum through reviews which emphasize classroom use and through a "web of possibilities" for a major thematic area which is included in each issue. Reviews are written by practicing teachers and librarians.